

Open Country Places in Aid of Film Project for Charity

Fees Charged for Pictures Taken Goes to Maternity Centre and Devastated France.

When a group of practical women decided a few months ago to brigade society into the big business of making motion pictures as a phase of philanthropic propaganda their enthusiasm was unlimited, but they did not dare hope for much. Their aim was to persuade owners of fine city houses and extensive country places to capitalize their homes for the benefit of the unfortunate and, having accomplished that, to convince the producers of motion pictures that they could save money by utilizing such settings for their scenarios.

Those women, with Mrs. Gordon Knox Bell at their head, have succeeded in both their aims and have established the Film Mutual Benefit Bureau at 4 West Fortieth street, as a paying enterprise, from which the American Committee for Devastated France and the Maternity Centre Association of New York are receiving substantial incomes. The charm of the outcome of the project lies in the fact that, unlike the average charitable effort, it is a business proposition that promises to become a permanent booking bureau in the motion picture world.

Average Fee Is \$100.

For fees ranging from \$50 to \$500 various film concerns have been permitted to take their paraphernalia and casts into fully a score of the most beautiful of homes near New York and "shoot up" the places as part of their business of making dramas for the screen. The average fee is \$100, and thus the Film Mutual Benefit Bureau has sent broadcast throughout the country the following card:

"Will you give us \$100 without taking a penny from your own pocket? The Film Mutual Benefit Bureau, at 4 West Fortieth street, New York, asks permission from you and your friends to allow reliable motion picture companies the privilege of filming your property.

The fee paid by the motion picture companies for this permission is divided between two philanthropies, the Maternity Centre of New York and the American Committee for Devastated France. The fee paid from \$50 to \$500 varies according to the value of locations and the time occupied in taking the pictures.

Any one lending property is protected from all possible damage by a contract drawn by Messrs. Perkins and Train. One of the first finished products of the bureau will be seen in the new ballroom of the Plaza Hotel on the night of October 14, when for the two hundredth time there will be a first showing of the filmed version of "Peter Ibbetson." When the producing company applied to the bureau for certain architectural and horticultural settings necessary to the filming of the play, the executive committee found that it had in Mr. and Mrs. Meredith Hare clients whose country home in Huntington, L. I., would qualify. The thing was done and the fee paid.

The initial enterprise of the bureau was with the filming of "Disraeli," for which Tudor settings were needed. With businesslike promptness the bureau sent the film corporation to Killenworth, the country home of Mr. and Mrs. George Dupont Pratt in Glen Cove, L. I., and to the suburban residence of Mr. Allen Lehman in Tarrytown, N. Y. Thus, making good in a few early instances, brought the bureau other business from the film companies.

Available for Japanese Scenes. Next the bureau faced the necessity of furnishing typical Japanese surroundings within the commuting district, and a company making a film based upon another well known play, in which Miss Alice Brady plays the leading part, was sent to the country home of Mr. William J. Matheson in Huntington, L. I., and to the Japanese tea garden of a city hotel. The country home of Mr.

and Mrs. George W. Wickersham in Cedarhurst, L. I., also has been available for Japanese scenes.

When movie "fans" see in the near future a film in which Miss Norma Talma plays the leading part some of them may recognize certain parts of the country home and grounds of Mr. Clarence Kenyon in Glen Cove. Similarly, the sophisticated beauties of Bosconeri, the country home of Mr. and Mrs. Horatio Seymour Shonard in Oyster Bay will be recognized in many of the scenes in the new film in which Miss Elsie Ferguson will be seen this week. Some scenes for this film also were made at Rosemary, the Huntington, L. I., home of Mr. Roland Conklin.

Three more films, one of which is to be released early in January and the others at later dates also are in process of the making. For one of the films the bureau has a generous client in Mr. and Mrs. William Alexander Evans, whose imposing country home in Greenwich, Conn., is to be used for exterior and interior scenes.

N. Y. U. Will Teach Scenario Writing

A course in photoplay study and scenario writing at New York University has been announced by Dean James E. Lough of the Extramural Division. The course will be conducted by Harry D. Westcott, Yale, 1901, who founded the Yale Dramatic Association, has been a New York theatre manager and has had experience on the speaking stage and the screen.

The photoplay classes will be held Saturday afternoons at the Washington square centre of New York University, and no special requirements are made for entrance. At the end of the preliminary course, however, only those who have shown special aptness will be permitted to take the advanced course. At the end of each advanced course a few especially qualified students will be selected to continue the work along the lines of research, writing theses and writing material which may be desired in any branch of the industry. The course will include lectures by men and women prominent in the photoplay business and visits to some of the larger studios. Lectures already arranged for include those by Whitman Bennett, Charles G. Whitaker, John Emerson and Miss Anita Loos.

Society Attends First County Fair at Hot Springs

Baroness Rosenkrantz and Mr. Paul Mellen Among the Ribbon Winners.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

HOT SPRINGS, Va., Oct. 1.—The first county fair to be held here was given in the baseball park this week. A ribbon went to the Baroness Rosenkrantz with her Rosemary, which was entered in the five gait saddle class and which was ridden by Baron Rosenkrantz. Mr. Paul Mellen, son of the Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Andrew W. Mellon, won a ribbon, and another went to Miss Nancy Bennett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Bennett, of Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Kip Rinehlander, who are here with Mr. Henry C. Drayton, attended the opening of the fair. Mr. and Mrs. Rinehlander are daily on the golf course. She won the cup at the women's tournament last year on the Homestead course.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl J. Schmidlapp, who came from New York with Mr. Halsey Malone, were at the races on Tuesday. Also Mr. and Mrs. John Godfrey Saxe, Mr. and Mrs. William R. Chappell, Mrs. Frank C. Henderson and her mother, Mrs. Robert J. Faulkner; Mr. and Mrs. Fredell H. Harned, and Mr. Baisley P. Elebash, who have arrived for the month of October after passing the summer in Bretton Woods.

Mrs. Louis A. Von Gaertner gave a bridge and tea on Monday for Mrs. Clarence Gray Dunsmore and Mrs. John Edward Lancaster of New York and Mme. De Weert of Paris.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley J. Wolff of New York gave a dinner on Tuesday for Mr. and Mrs. John C. Tappin, the Misses Jane and Gabrielle Gourd, Mr. Baisley P. Elebash of New York and Mr. Harry H. Ward of Boston, and later took the

guests to the movies in the Casino.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Napoleon Bonaparte had as guests at luncheon Miss Rosalie Bloodgood, who is here with her mother, Mrs. Wilber A. Bloodgood of New York.

Mrs. William L. Harkness has arrived from New York with her daughter, Miss Louise Harkness, whose engagement to Mr. David Sinton Ingalls, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert S. Ingalls, has just been announced. Arrivals from New York also include Mr. and Mrs. C. Easter Cuddihy, who came by automobile; Mrs. Devereux Emmet of St. James, L. I., and her son, Mr. Devereux Emmet, Jr.; Mrs. Stewart Waller, accompanied by Mrs. William H. Drayton; Mr. and Mrs. William D. Deleplane, and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Mott for a brief visit on an automobile tour of the Virginias.

Mr. and Mrs. George S. Walsh on Wednesday drove to Valley View for luncheon.

The Philadelphia colony was increased by the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick S. Fish, Mr. and Mrs. William A. Wiedersheim 2d, Mr. and Mrs. B. Preston Schroyer, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney S. Morris, Mrs. S. M. Tomlinson and Miss Josephine Tomlinson and Mr. and Mrs. Moncure Biddle, who made a brief visit on an automobile tour of the South.

Also arriving were Mrs. John P. Winslow and her son, Capt. John S. Winslow of Cincinnati; Mrs. G. Blagden Hazlehurst and Miss Louise Hazlehurst of Baltimore, Mr. and Mrs. Christian H. Hedker and Mr. R. H. Hedker of Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin S. Crobaugh of Cleveland, Mrs. J. Franklin Keeney and her son, Mr. Perry H. Keeney of Chicago; Mrs. L. G. Chaffee and her son, Mr. Alfred G. Chaffee, of Providence, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bowers Mingle of West Orange, N. J.

Cottagers Remaining Late at Long Branch

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

LONG BRANCH, N. J., Oct. 1.—October finds the majority of the cottagers occupying their summer homes along the north Jersey coast. The golf clubs also will remain open later this year than usual.

The two concerts yesterday by the United States Marine Band attracted large numbers of all along the coast.

The proceeds will be used to help the Community House work. The Rotary Club gave a dinner for the leader of the band at the Imperial Hotel. Gov. Edward I. Edwards was among the guests.

There were three marriages here this week. Miss Dorothy Taylor Kirby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Kirby of Sixth avenue, and Mr. George Albring of Toledo, Ohio, were married at the parsonage of St. Luke's Methodist Episcopal Church, the Rev. Dr. W. E. Lake officiating. Miss Katharine White was maid of honor and Mr. Charles Kirby best man. After a wedding trip to Michigan and Ohio Mr. and Mrs. Albring will live at Allenhurst.

Miss Stella Jones and Mr. Martin H.

Ryerson, both of this city, were married at the home of the bride at West Long Branch, the Rev. Harry Van Clear, of Easton, officiating. Miss Florence Ryerson and Frank Jones attended the couple. Aleta Jones was flower girl.

A third marriage was that of Miss Nellie Edwards, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Edwards, and Mr. Frank O'Brien of Elizabeth, the Rev. William A. Moore officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace W. Sherman celebrated the third anniversary of

their marriage in an unexpected manner on Tuesday night, when friends took possession of their Oakwood avenue home at West Long Branch while they were at Ashbury Park, and greeted them on their return.

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Casey closed their cottage this week and returned to New York.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Edgar Mason, Dr. and Mrs. H. E. Shaw and Mr. Clarence G. Van Note, Jr., are camping at Hallett's Bay, Vt.

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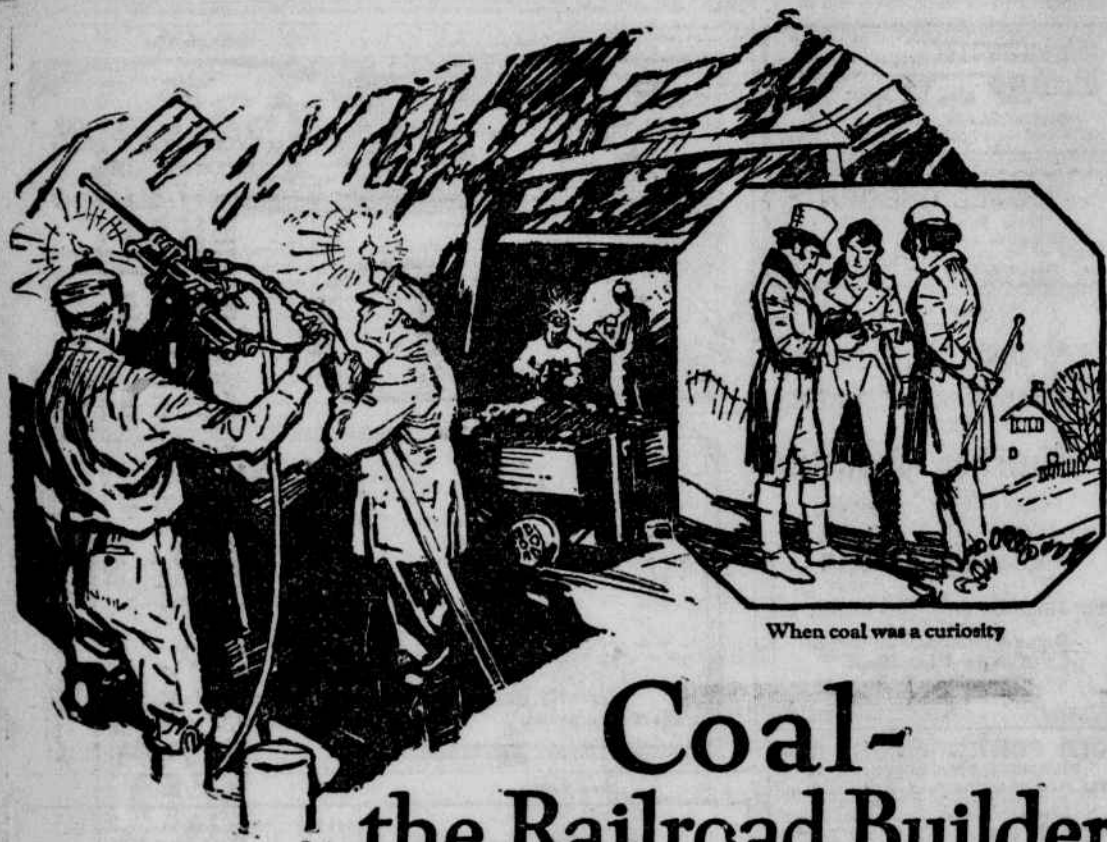
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